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- 6. An unspun yarn according to claim 1, wherein a combination of different fibres are used in the fibre assembly.
- 11. A method according to claim 7 wherein a core reinforcing thread is introduced into the main rope body.

12. An apparatus for producing an unspun yarn comprising a first supply source for a longitudinal main rope body formed from at least one fibre assembly of substantially untwisted and parallel fibres, at least one partial twist means through which the main rope body is to be passed from the first supply source via a first guide means in juxtaposition with said twist means, drive means for operating said twist means to cause intermittent reverse operation to impart a twist in one direction to longitudinal first sections of said main rope body alternating with a twist in the opposite direction of longitudinal second sections of said main rope body intermediate said the first sections, second guide means positioned beside said twist means arranged to locate and guide a reinforcing thread from a second supply source into helical wrapping engagement longitudinally about said main rope body as the main rope body passes through the partial twist means and drawing means for

drawing said main rope body and reinforcing thread through said partial twist means.

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